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RIVER PLATE ITEMS.

—There were 63 steamship arrivals last in Fe-
bruary at Montevideo, than in the same month of
1894. This is one of the results of quarantine.

—A Montevideo telegram of the 15th says that
a case of yellow fever has appeared on the *Thames*
and that the passengers have been put into rigor-
ous quarantine. The chances are 99 in a hundred
against the illness being fever. It is only another
excuse for maintaining highway robbery at Flores
Island.

—A new law dealing with drunkenness is in
force in this city. Any bar-keeper who shall
supply drink to a drunken man or shall permit
him when drunk to even enter his premises, or
shall allow anyone who has entered sober to
become drunk, shall be fined \$25 or he imprisoned
for 8 days for the first offence and be fined up
to \$100 or 30 days imprisonment for every suc-
ceeding violation of regulation.—*Southern Cross*,
Buenos Aires.

—According to telegrams from Chile, passen-
gers by the overland route are compelled by the
customs officers at Punta de las Cuevas to pay
twenty five cents gold for every bottle of Chilean
or other wine that they bring in their equipage
for their private use. We suspect that there is
some understanding between the Argentine officials
and the keeper of the posada at Las Cuevas.
Compelling payment of duty on a couple of bot-
tles of wine, besides stamps, commissions, etc., on
the duties, means that passengers will refrain
from carrying wine or even a few tins of preserved
meat to take out the bad fare served in the posa-
das. Thus the keepers of the posadas will sell
their own concocted poisons under the name of
wine and probably share the profits with the
resguardo men.—*Times*, Buenos Aires.

—At a moment when the despotism of health
boards is producing an unparalleled quarantine
scandal in the waters of the Plate and in the bay
of Rio, when the climax has been reached by
virtual stoppage of commercial relations between
Uruguay and Argentina, it may not be amiss to
call the attention of those medical gentlemen—
vested with such powers to injure trade—to the
interests affected by their absurd tactics. Perhaps
a study of the millions at stake may induce them
to suggest to their respective governments some
more rational methods to prevent an interchange
of cholera or yellow fever bacilli; but we may be
pardoned if we remark that the Argentine, Bra-
zilian and Uruguayan governments must throw
off this medical despotism, and put an end to an
authority that not only causes enormous losses,
but makes the three countries the laughing-stock
of the world. All these governments are to blame,
for with a few strokes of the pen they could
summon their health boards to their senses, and
put a summary end to all this castor oil and
Cockle pill doctoring of trade relations.—Buenos
Aires *Standard*.

—The general loss to shipping and commercial
interests caused by these quarantines since the
beginning of the year may be calculated at several
million dollars. This loss has been wantonly
inflicted in order that the iniquitous syndicate
interested in the lazaret and other quarantine
abuses might make a profit which we cannot
suppose to exceed \$50,000 or \$60,000. "Public
health" has, we know, been the ostensible ex-
cuse but it cannot be reasonably maintained either
that public health has been seriously threatened or
that the means employed have been justified by
their efficiency. The proof of this is that the so-
called "cholera" has appeared here in spite of
the quarantines, that it has not proved a serious
danger, and that Argentina has done without
quarantines and is now about to abolish them
finally. There is, then, as we said a few days
ago, no rational proportion between the injury
caused by the quarantines and the disease they are
ineffectually directed against. Of the two evils,
the quarantines have proved immensely the worse,
and the pretence that they are necessary for pub-
lic health is untenable from every point of view.
—*Montevideo Times*, March 30.

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RIO DE JANEIRO, APRIL 16th, 1895.

THE continued quarantine complications at the River Plate and the absurd regulations which continue to be enforced here, ought to convince the commercial nations whose interests are so greatly prejudiced, that they have nothing whatever to gain by delay and polite consideration. It must be apparent to the blindest of them that no consideration whatever is shown by the quarantine authorities either to the shipowner, to the merchant, or to the traveller. These quarantines are regulated by selfish considerations, and nothing else. They are enforced without cause and without reason, and they are continued not infrequently to gratify personal pique and mercenary objects. Aside from the shame and disgrace of such abuses, which belong only to the countries maintaining them, they are seriously crippling commerce and injuring established foreign interests. This is not only unjust, but it is manifestly an abuse of international relations which deserves redress. The losses suffered this year by the regular steamship lines serving this coast, can not be computed, but no one can fail to see that they are heavy enough to turn many a voyage into a loss and to seriously embarrass the earning capacity of the steamers for the whole year. This, we insist, is a gross injustice. These companies are not responsible for the choleric epidemics at various points on this coast, nor for the blunders of the sanitary authorities, and it is grievously unfair therefore that they should be called upon to bear even a part of the expense. There is one practical solution of the difficulty, however, which might reasonably be insisted upon by the commercial nations interested, and which would naturally lead to the prompt settlement of perhaps most of the abuses of which so frequent complaints are made. And this solution is—the assumption of all expenses and losses by the government imposing the quarantine. If the Brazilian treasury is to be held responsible for all the costs, it is probable that the government will try to exercise some supervision over the dictatorial orders of its sanitary inspectors, and to curb their professional ardor in the imposition of irritating and unnecessary restrictions. "Going it blind," which seems to have been the practice here thus

far, will soon become too expensive, and we may then hope for a more intelligent supervision. If foreign powers do not insist upon this, the old abuses will not only continue, but they will grow. It is immeasurably worse to-day than it was ten years ago, and ten years hence—who can estimate the magnitude of the evil, if not checked?

THE situation in Pernambuco merits thoughtful consideration, for it possesses many features common to the Rio Grande imbrolio and many elements of serious danger to the peace and orderly political development of the country. We do not enter into the questions at issue, for they are essentially personal and local. The general features of the situation, however, are as follows. The state is governed by a military officer who obtained the place through an intrigue which resulted in the violent deposition of the legally-elected governor. Since then it has been divided into factions and has been the stage of frequent disorders. At one time the Martins Junior faction was in favor with the general government here, and it was an open secret that the dictator favored the deposition of Gov. Barbosa Lima. The intrigue miscarried, however, owing to the determined opposition of the governor and the serious character of the complications elsewhere. Governor Barbosa Lima was therefore left undisturbed, so far as the national government was concerned, but the local opposition to his government has continued. Knowing the extent and character of this opposition, he has been for a long time preparing to crush it. He has organized and armed a military force, comprising infantry and cavalry battalions, and lately he is said to have purchased some Krupp guns for a field battery. This force is of course described as state police, but why a police force should be provided with Krupp guns and maintained like a regular military organization is not easily explained. The simple truth is, in our opinion, that Governor Barbosa Lima is resolved to maintain his authority in Pernambuco at all hazards, even with the horrors of civil war. Like his colleague in Rio Grande, he is prepared to crush every description of opposition by violent means, no matter if it leads to assassination and war. He has already used his police to intimidate electors and to control elections. He thwarted the will of the people by frightening voters away from the polls and by giving false returns. And, already, his creatures have gone to the extreme of assassination, as a means of revenge and intimidation. This is a colorless statement of what must be considered a very serious situation. What, now, is the remedy? Under the federal republican system, the national government has no right to interfere, except to maintain order in case of armed insurrection. The national government has interfered of course, and the evil results of those interferences are found in almost every state in the country. It interfered in Rio Grande to reinstate Castilhos after the people had deposed him, and it has interfered to maintain his authority ever since. This resulted in a civil war in that state, a naval revolt, heavy losses in life and property, and a very serious increase in the national debt. Seeing all this, it is not at all strange that the President should hesitate to repeat the mistake in Pernambuco. He may interfere to prevent civil war, compelling both parties to lay aside arms; he may interfere to protect national property, and the collection of the national revenue; he may interfere to protect the federal courts and to enforce their decisions; and he might, perhaps, forbid the maintenance

of military forces by the states. But beyond this, under the present system, he can not legally do. Congress, also, might take one effective step to curb these usurpations and disorders, by refusing to accept the credentials of representatives elected by violent and corrupt means. It not only has a right to do this, but it is under every obligation to discourage and condemn such unrepentant acts. Beyond this, the remedy lies with the people of Pernambuco themselves. The political development or ruin of their state lies in their own hands. They are not justified in seeking to depose an executive merely because they are disappointed in him, and they are not justified in seeking to control elections by violence. On the other side, the governor can not be justified in seeking to thwart the will of the people at elections, nor in maintaining an armed military force for personal objects, nor in protecting men accused of assassination, nor in seeking to control or intimidate the legislature, nor in evading or defying the decrees of the courts. If he persists in these arbitrary and unconstitutional acts, then there should be a peaceful remedy in impeachment. Should this be made impossible, however, by virtue of his power and the corrupt means at his disposal, then the people are entitled to that last recourse, which is the birthright of every political community—the right of revolution. No people can be obliged to submit to systematic injustice. It is their duty to employ peaceful means if possible in redressing their wrongs, but if these means are thwarted and defeated, then it is their duty to employ force. The difficulty is that in all the Latin-American republics the remedy of armed resistance is the first and only one employed. As an antidote for this, the practice in Argentina of appointing an "interventor" in the disturbed state until order is restored, is perhaps an excellent one, but the Brazilian constitution has no provision for this. The people of Pernambuco must therefore settle their own quarrels, even though they lead to armed struggles as in Rio Grande, but the national government might well interfere far enough to prevent the organization of armies, even by the governor, and to protect the independence of the courts.

From *El Diario* Buenos Aires, April 3rd.

MONTEVIDEO SEQUESTERED

While cholera is flourishing in Montevideo and a few cases from Government House, President Latorre Borda, ultimately clinging to his preautorial system, refuses to modify the decree of sequestration proclaimed by himself against the epidemic reigning in Rio and Buenos Aires.

The steamer agents, who demanded epidemic measures in strict accordance with the necessities of the situation, have been dismissed with a distinct refusal on the part of the Uruguayan President, who argued that the rigorous measures adopted would oblige this country to observe the rules of defence, which he, in his scientific sanitary knowledge, thinks should be established against vessels from Brazil.

As a first consequence the agents have resolved that their steamers pass by Montevideo, and come in Buenos Aires direct.

This means complete isolation for Montevideo, and the paralyzation of its import and export business, which will give full satisfaction to President Borda, who evidently aspires to renew, at his country's expense, the isolation which the celebrated despot Francis decreed for Paraguay.

Two long months of negotiations here and in the neighboring republic have been in vain in the face of the Uruguayan President's resolution who assumes supreme authority, but something is gained, inasmuch as travellers will be saved from the snares of Flores Island, the quarantine post-house, directed by a relation of President Borda's, and in which travellers are felled under the pretext of saving them from contagion.

The cholera has disappeared almost completely from our territory; in Buenos Aires there neither is nor has been any fear of its spreading, thanks to the elements of defence afforded by our excellent system of water supply and drainage; in Rio de Janeiro the yellow fever, endemic though it

undoubtedly is, has not spread in epidemic form to any other country, and yet President L. Borda, who conceals the deaths from cholera in Montevideo, determines to close that port against all foreign trade.

This resolution known, the matter ceases to interest us. The question is now purely internal and affects only the commerce of Uruguay, which may protest or submit.

Let our friends over there fix matters as best they can. We, as far as we are nationally interested, should congratulate ourselves, inasmuch as the closing of Oriental ports will increase our income by the suppression of smuggling, which is a flourishing trade between Montevideo and our coasts.

From *El Diario*, Buenos Aires, April 10th.

THE ENTRANCE TO THE PORT

The present state of the question of the entrance to the port of Buenos Aires is really lamentable. The Nation has already spent more than thirty millions of gold dollars upon this great undertaking, we have splendid docks with first rate hydraulic service, well built bonded ware-houses, a port for coasting vessels a league long in the Riachuelo, but to all this palatial edifice there is no front door?

Each engineer who has successively occupied the post of director of the Riachuelo works, Huerigo, Bovio, Candiani, Tzane, Ballin, and Duclout, has drawn up projects indicating to Government the necessity of extending the existing wharves and of removing those which have fallen in, but in vain. The projects have been laid aside in pigeon-holes in the archives to sleep to all eternity while the entrance to the port has gone on getting worse and worse every day, all the warnings of their technical advisers and the complaints of commerce being insufficient to awaken the inhabitants of the Casa Rosada (Government House) from their lethargy.

That years should pass in a decision upon tenders for some \$2000 worth of repairs to some national building which becomes an utter ruin before the necessary work is put in hand, is neither new nor perhaps important. Instead of spending \$2000, \$20,000 will be spent! What matter! Since the public pays and the gentlemen in the government do not have to take a dollar out of their own pockets, they can without great damage to the country and none at all to themselves, give themselves up to political conversations, to the dictating of beautiful reforms which never come off, and to signing serious resolutions of "Let so and so report."

But with regard to an undertaking which has cost thirty millions of gold dollars we think that a little activity would not be out of place.

For two years past commerce has been clamoring for the repair of the entrance to the port. In consequence "the administration" stirred itself, projects were drawn up, revised and verified, were passed for report to all the departments which go to make up our executive organism, and thence were sent to Congress in search of authorization and funds but only went to sleep instead.

After a few months commerce, not to be satisfied with reports, addressed itself to Congress; all the important houses in the market signed the respective petition; and there were delegations, and visits galore, and the honorable body after despatching much more urgent questions such as a few little pensions to as many pretty little widows, a canal in the Uruguay, a circular railway etc., decided in their final sessions to pass the projects submitted to them.

Thence the projects returned to Government House to rest. The late President left—he was no gnat; the new one ought to set the machinery going, but there the laws lie and nothing is done to put them into execution.

Again commerce hurried itself and addressed another petition to our active Finance Minister, begging him to use his influence over his sleepy colleagues to get the works begun. He immediately grasped the importance of the petition, recommended it most warmly to his colleagues of the Home Department, and up to date we are just where we were.

Five years ago these works ought to have been executed, but, as no particular personage is interested, as it is only the commerce of the country that presents the petition, without intervention of any Congressmen or Governor; and as the Deputies for the Capital don't care a straw for the true interests of the city, the result is that the fallen wharves will remain in their present interesting condition, that the sandbank which is constantly filling up the canal will cost Government a fortune, while vessels which draw 21 feet will be unable to enter the port, but that thrice blessed administrative detail will not be moved, and while there remains one of the numerous dependencies of the Executive to which it may be "passed for report," Mr. Minister for the Home Department will avoid the im-

mense labor of decreeing the fulfilment of a useful law called for with so much reason.

The fact is that they do not understand what one foot more of water in our entrance channel really means. One foot more for an ordinary vessel means 200 to 250 tons of cargo, and over 2000 high ships which enter and leave the port yearly, means 500,000 tons which are not transported, but the freight on which we pay almost in its entirety, since a vessel has almost the same expenses whether it loads 200 tons more or not.

This means to say that some five millions of dollars are yearly thrown away through sheer intolerance; five millions which would come into the pockets of producers as a consequence of cheaper freights, which would be the immediate consequence of the proper repairing of the entrance to the port.

But the country is rich! and can stand this loss as it does so many others, the only really important matter being that the administrative machine follows its imposing career, as intelligent in commercial affairs and public works as it is in military questions.

RIVER PLATE ITEMS.

—The celebrated Jabez Spencer Balfour left Buenos Aires for London on the 6th inst. on the *Tatler Prince*.

—In February there were 1,892 births (245 illegitimate), 384 marriages and 1,244 deaths in the city of Buenos Aires. There were 4,121 immigrant arrivals and 1,394 departures for foreign destinations. The population of the city was estimated to be 605,792.

—The rainfall in Montevideo on March 26th during twelve hours, was 5½ inches. The nearest record to this is 5½ inches during twelve hours about fifteen years ago. The damages caused by this recent phenomenal rainfall in Montevideo are estimated at \$300,000 gohl.

—The utter lack of anything like fair administration, and the villainous character of some at least of the officials who are placed in authority, was illustrated this week in Frías, in the province of Santiago del Estero. The commissary there, having a grudge against a man named Sanchez, attacked him in the plaza, fired several shots at him, and left him to die. The man was carried home by some neighbors in a dying state. The commissary, enraged at hearing that he was still alive, came round to the house and shot him again, but finding he was not yet dead, he summoned four soldiers and had the poor wretch tied up and finally finished off by them. —*Review*, Buenos Aires April 6.

—We published a week or two ago the translation of the project which the sanitary authorities had presented to government for the complete alteration of the quarantine system which has hitherto been in vogue in this country to the enormous detriment of commerce and the intense discomfort of passengers from Europe. We are glad to see by the papers that the minister of interior has signed the decree suppressing all quarantine in future and we only hope that the new rules will be duly carried out, for it must not be forgotten that although of immense benefit to passengers and commerce generally, they entail more work upon the sanitary guards and employes, who will probably shirk their duties, and, if an epidemic were to be the consequence, the system of quarantine abolition would be attacked, when the cause of its failure was its non-application. The new rules are a distinct advance in our civilization, and contrast most favorably with the ignorant folly displayed by Mr. Idiarte Borda of Montevideo, who, petulant in his autocratic conceit, will, if he does not soon give way, injure his country to a very serious extent. But then it is said that by doing so he is filling his own pocket, which any South American will tell you is the only true patriotism. —*Review*, Buenos Aires, April 6.

PROVINCIAL NOTES

—In 1894 there were 1,466 interments in the cemetery at the capital of Ceará.

—The state legislature of Minas Geraes held its first preparatory sitting on the 13th inst.

—There are duplicate state legislatures not only in Bahia and Sergipe, but also in Amazonas.

—In S. Paulo, last Sunday, a building occupied by a grocery situated at No. 58, Rua da Gazometro was destroyed by fire.

—A planter at Capangaba, S. Paulo, is said to have discovered that he can exterminate *salva* ants with fresh coffee hulls.

—The *Diário Popular* of S. Paulo very properly censures the Tribunal of Justice of that state for failing to sit on the 9th inst. for the purpose of taking cognizance of an application for *habeas corpus* thus causing a week's delay to the applicant.

—The President of the state of S. Paulo says that within a few months the custom-house at the capital will be ready to receive merchandise.

—A telegram of the 13th from Bahia states that the sectional solicitor contradicts the report of his having preferred charges against the governor.

—At Bahia the federal solicitor has preferred charges against the governor of the state as guilty of the crime defined in Art. 111 of the criminal code.

—The state government of S. Paulo has five colonies with 6,002 inhabitants, the value of whose products was officially estimated last year at 2,253,565\$220.

—At Victoria, capital of the state of Espírito Santo, eggs are selling at 3800 per dozen, but of very bad quality at 18200 per kilo and sugar calves at 300 reis each.

—In Petropolis, on the 13th inst., President Prudente de Moraes visited the ministers of the United States, Germany, Italy, Belgium, Chili, Argentine republic and Uruguay.

—There are said to be four candidates for the federal senate at the election to be held on the 6th prox.: Marius Torres, Braz Carneiro, Matiaso Ribeiro and Almiral Carlos Balharzar.

—A telegram of the 14th inst. states that at Barra do Piraty there was a fight at 10 p.m. on the previous day between the police force and a band of men headed by the station master.

—Col. João Gaudes Pinto de Mello has signed a contract with the state government of S. Paulo for settling 1,600 families of Swiss immigrants in the vicinity of Tatinhy, where the climate and soil are said to be well adapted to the culture of grapes and other fruits.

—The chief of police of the state of S. Paulo complains, in his report, of the abuses committed by immigration contractors, who, he says, not only receive immigrants with false statements, but also include in the parties of immigrants that they send to S. Paulo a large number of anarchists, vagrants and beggars.

—On the night of the 3rd inst. the enemies of Vicar João Passarelli attempted to blow him up with dynamite. For this purpose there was placed under his house a dynamite bomb, which was exploded at about one o'clock at night, fortunately, however, without causing injury to the priest or to any one else residing in the house.

—Dr. Manrico de Abreu, ex-president of the state of Rio de Janeiro, and Martins Torres have refused to obey the summons of the sectional judge to appear before his court at Petropolis for the purpose of answering the charges made against them by Drs. Proes da Cruz and Nascimento Silva. They contend that, in view of Art. 83 of Law No. 221, of November, 1894, the order of that judge is illegal.

—It is stated that the Porto Alegre telegraph station, since the burning of the respective building, has been removed to Pedras Brancas. If this is true we cannot imagine what the object of the author of the idea can be, unless it is to interfere with the sending of telegrams, since there is, as we are informed, no regular means of communication between Porto Alegre and Pedras Brancas except the meat boat, which makes only one trip a day.

—In the state of S. Paulo there are in 806 municipal districts from which returns have been received, 621 public schools, of which 357 are for boys, 242 for girls and 22 are mixed schools. In the same municipal district there are 96 private schools for primary instruction. The 752 public and private schools have 21,143 matriculated pupils but the average attendance is only 11,411. Forty-two municipal districts have failed to make returns.

RIO GRANDE DO SUL.

A letter from Pelotas to the editor of the *Echo do Brasil*, of this city, complains bitterly of the lawless acts committed by castilhos in the colony of S. Feliciano. Horses and cattle are seized and taken from the colonists, who, if they dare to object, are subjected to physical violence. In some instances horses have even been taken from carts.

The castilhista leaders, says the writer, are enriching themselves by means of robbery. They keep the money sent to pay the troops, who are in rags and who are obliged to rob in order to live.

It appears that premiums are paid to those who can raise 300 or 1,000 men for the army. Consequently the press-gang is kept busily at work, and decrepit old negroes, boys of 14 and other persons visibly unfit for duty are forced into the service in order to complete the number.

The writer wishes to know whether foreign governments will protect their subjects from violence and whether the Brazilian government thinks that the treatment of the colonists of S. Feliciano is consistent with the promises made by its agents in Europe for the purpose of attracting immigrants to Brazil. He suggests that President Prudente de Moraes should secretly send a trustworthy agent to Rio Grande do Sul in order to investigate the state of affairs of which he complains.

Letters from other sources confirm the statements made in that addressed to the *Echo do Brasil* and contain additional interesting particulars. One of them says that the government troops are very tired of the war and that Julio de Castilhos finds it difficult to prevent officers from sending telegrams to their friends in Rio de Janeiro requesting them to obtain their withdrawal from Rio Grande.

It is stated that after the defeat of Sampaio, Pantaleão Telles received orders to organize 200 men commands, which he proceeded to do, taking as a nucleus prisoners in the Porto Alegre jail.

Sampaio is said to have lost his act of false teeth, which dropped from his mouth in his precipitate flight from the scene of his defeat at Vacacaçu.

Telegrams received here from the River Plate bear the 8th and 12th inst. contain very meagre and contradictory accounts of military operations. In one of these telegrams Apudindo Sa-raiva was reported to be marching towards D. Pedro for the purpose of attacking Col. Portugal; in another it is said that the forces under his command together with those under the lead of Brito, Cabella, Machado and Azambuja were expected to attack at Ponce Verde a Castilhista force of 3,200 men under Menes Barreto, Portugal and Telles; in still another it is confessed that his whereabouts are unknown.

A telegram received at Montevideo on the 8th from Santo Engenio says that Ulysses Reverbel has entered the State at the head of 1,000 men.

A Montevideo telegram of the 11th states that Risario, after being abandoned by Pina, has been renounced by the castilhistas.

It is reported that the revolutionists have captured 400 more houses.

The reinstatement of Capt. João Francisco, who had been removed from his post at Livramento on account of his violation of neutral territory, is said to have caused much dissatisfaction at Montevideo.

Another telegram of the 11th states that the old report of the supposed intention of the Brazilian government to replace Castilhos with a governor of its own appointment, to compensate persons belonging to both parties for losses which they have sustained, and to order new elections in the State has again been placed in circulation. It is declared that he considered the report absurd, believing that it had probably been fabricated by some one interested in thwarting any plan which the government may possibly have in view for the pacification of Rio Grande.

In this city reports of offers of mediation from the River Plate governments have continued to circulate and it has even been asserted that negotiations with the Brazilian government, originating in these offers, are actually in progress. On the other hand, however, it is stated, that the real object of the alleged negotiations has no connection with the question of mediation, but relates solely to the frustration of a detected plot of the castilhistas to embroil Brazil in a war with the neighboring countries for the purpose of preventing the adoption of a policy of pacification. This version seems the more probable of the two, since it is difficult to see how offers of mediation can be either made or accepted in the case of Rio Grande, which has not separated from the rest of Brazil. At the same time it is probable that the failure of the attempt made by the castilhistas to involve the country in a foreign war will have a favorable effect on the Rio Grande question.

A like effect will no doubt be produced by the refusal of Julio de Castilhos to present Col. Pa-cando Tavares to the Supreme Court in conformity with the writ of *habeas corpus* which was issued by that court in favor of one of the greatest sufferers from the vindictive tyranny of the ruler of Rio Grande. The plea of defending the autonomy of the State from undue interference of the Federal Judiciary might perhaps be accepted, if interference when it is favorable to him, and that he himself, as a public and notorious, is held in office by the Federal Executive. It is impossible to conceive a more monstrous system than that which permits the Federal Government to oppress the people of a State and yet deprive it of the power of relieving those people from oppression.

It is stated that Minister Abbot will take passage on the *Osmaguz* for Rio de Janeiro on the 23rd inst. as a Buenos Aires paper publishes a declaration in which he states that he comes to Rio on a leave of absence on account of the report which considers almost official, of the acceptance of the mediation of Uruguay in the affairs of Rio Grande. He says that the revolution can be suppressed without the assistance of the general government and that he cannot, as minister, give his approval to an intervention which, as a congressman, he feels bound to oppose.

The report of his removal from the legation at Buenos Aires is still circulated.

It is stated that at Soledade, in Rio Grande do Sul, the castilhistas, after obtaining a license from the federalists in that locality, have treacherously murdered several of their enemies, including Dr. Julio Severiano da Cunha, (a cousin of Congressman Glycerio) who was killed at his house in the presence of his wife and children.

The revolutionists are said to be making vigorous preparations for continuing the struggle.

RAILROAD NOTES

—The *Estado de S. Paulo* attacks the new contract with the S. Paulo Railway Company.

—In 1894 the tram cars at Pará carried 5,019,652 passengers. Their receipts were 905,290\$240.

—The cars of the Botanical Garden tramway company make 981 round trips a day.

—The total distance travelled by the cars of the Botanical Garden tramway company in 1894 was 4,248,358 kilometres.

—At the end of last year the Botanical Garden tramway company had 152 vehicles of all classes, including 20 electric cars and 75 first-class mule cars.

—It is the intention of the Botanical Garden tramway company to put electric cars on ruas Bento Lisboa, Pedro Americo, Lapa and Laran-eira, as well as on Aguas Fereas. The directors estimate that this will cost the company the sum of 500,000\$000 and they expect in this way to economize in the first year 337,000\$000.

—The cars of the Botanical Garden tramway company in 1894 made 311,792 round trips, carrying 18,653,841 passengers, of whom 971,140 were gratuitous.

—In the second half of the year 1894 the traffic receipts of the União Sionvalina e Itana railway company amounted to 3,662,174\$570 and the operating expenses to 1,527,358\$420.

—The station-master at S. Francisco Xavier arrested and delivered to the police at one o'clock p.m. on the 11th inst. a man whom he accused of having attempted to stupefy him with a narcotic.

—A firm in this city on the 9th of February shipped on the Leopoldina railway 279 packages of merchandise, paying 630\$000 freight. Up to the 11th inst. this merchandise had not reached its destination.

—In the year 1894 the mules belonging to the Botanical Garden tramway company consumed 1,178,816 kilos of alfalfa and 1,558,938 kilos of Indian corn, costing 482,880\$640 and equim costing 55,675\$340.

—In the month of January the traffic receipts of the Paulista railway were 1,308,628\$240 and the operating expenses 476,468\$124 against 706,756\$850 and 384,108\$611, respectively, in the corresponding month of 1894.

—Paper shipped from Rio on the 27th ult. to the *Pharos* of Rio de Janeiro, reached its destination only on the 8th inst. That journal was consequently obliged, for want of paper, to suspend publication from the 2nd to the 9th inst.

—At the end of 1894 the Botanical Garden tramway company had 1,205 miles valued at 182,305\$800. The average daily cost of the keep of each of these mules was \$502 in the first half of 1894 and \$486 in the second half.

—On the 4th inst. the Oeste de Minas railway company signed a contract with the state government of Rio de Janeiro for building a railway from Angra dos Reis to Barra Mansa, for which the government pays the company 30,000\$000 per kilometre.

—In the first half of 1894 the receipts of the Botanical Garden tramway company amounted to 1,063,378\$115 and the expenditure to 895,459\$644, and in the second half of that year the receipts amounted to 1,290,745\$945 and the expenditure to 915,843\$619. The principal item in the expenditure is the keep of mules, which in the second half of 1894 cost 285,994\$510. In the same half year the company spent 143,891\$800 with conductors and drivers and 105,042\$060 with electric traction.

—Barão do Lachrio, president of the Banco do Brazil e Londres, proposes to obtain a loan of 150,000\$000 for completing the railway between Niteroi and Africa. This road, which originally cost 1,300,000\$000, was bought at auction by the bank for 159,670\$000. Immediately after the purchase the bank was offered over 200,000\$ for the road, which the Baron thinks could be sold in its present state for at least 400,000\$000. He believes that between now and August the road can be placed in operating order.

—The board of directors of the Botanical Garden tramway company makes the following statement in regard to the receipts and expenditures of electric cars and those drawn by mules in the second half of 1894: Receipts from electric cars, including the cars towed by them, 518,290\$300; expenditure, 662,574\$340; balance, 355,715\$960. Mule cars: receipts, 754,537\$935; expenditure, 520,433\$600; balance, 234,103\$335. Thus the ratio of operating expenses to receipts was for the electric and towed cars 31, 36 % and for the mule cars 68, 97%.

LOCAL NOTES

—Now that Sampaio has lost his teeth, would it not be well to deprive Julio de Castilhos of his claws?

—The war department has appointed a court of inquiry to investigate the facts relating to the disappearance of 30 revolvers belonging to the 1st regiment of cavalry.

—Capt. Huel Bacellar has been acquitted by court martial of the charge of having attempted, while a prisoner at Fort Lage, to cause a mutiny in the garrison of that fort.

—The municipal council has authorized the prefect of the city to take steps for annulling the contract with Baron Drummond in regard to the Zoological Garden and for putting a stop to gambling on the animals.

—Last Friday 15 Indians from Piahanta, in Rio Grande do Sul, called at Itamaraty palace and asked to see the President, to whom they desire to present a long list of articles which they require. They were fed and sent to the police office.

—Dr. Daniel de Almeida, who was one of Sal-lanilha da Gama surgeons, arrived here from Portugal on the 6th inst. The people among whom he practised medicine while in Portugal gave him highly complimentary proofs of their appreciation of his professional skill.

—The *Jornal do Commercio* denies that it is at the urgent request of the government that Col. Demostheus Lobo clings to the place of director general of the postoffice, and it adds that to suppose such a thing would be far from complimentary to the government's administrative capacity.

—Dr. Carijó, 1st assistant-delegate of the chief of police, has recently been giving his personal attention to the work of attempting to prevent blocks in the streets leading from the central part of the city to the Saude and Gamboa districts. It is to be hoped that his efforts will prove successful.

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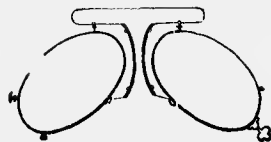
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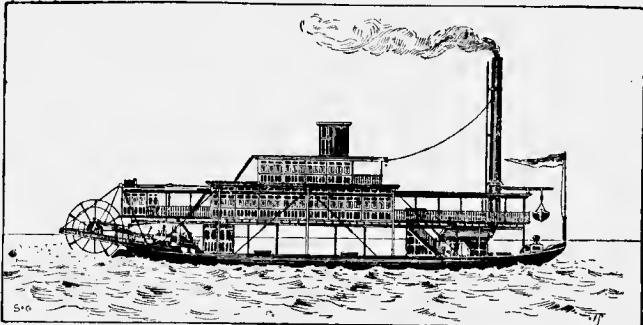
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